

AFFIDAVIT

I, Arthur Roselle, do hereby attest that the following is true:

1. That on November 1, 1976 while I was visiting my family, who live in Utica, Michigan, I was asked to pick up my younger sister Louri Roselle, who was about 16 years old, from a neighborhood residence belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Ed Czarnecki.
2. That after being directed to the basement and greeting my sister, I was approached from behind by my father who while shaking my hand asked me to be co-operative and listen to some people who were on the way over. At the same moment twelve (12) men who accompanied my father moved swiftly to block the stairway and surround me. After I had moved over in order to position my back to the wall, my father spent thirty minutes trying to convince me to enter a small room to my right. During this time the two deprogrammers my father was waiting for had arrived. They were identified as Steve Hassan and Ellen Lloyd (both ex-Unification Church members.)
3. That during that thirty minutes I had deperately tried to convince everyone present that I was being held against my own will, and that what they were doing was illegal.
4. That when I tried to leave, my arms were seized by the men and I was thrown down to the tile floor, causing me to hit the tile floor receiving a cut on the inside of my lower lip and bruises on my chin and right cheek bone. My hands and feet were then tied and I was carried into the small room and placed on a cot, where the deprogrammers Ellen Lloyd and Steve Hassan began working in shifts to deprogramme.
5. That one man present, Harry Kruk, a hypnotist, watched the struggle and was standing over me while I lay on the floor. That Mr. Kruk observed and recorded my deprogramming at various times.
6. During the first three days of the deprogramming I was tied up the whole time, and Steve and Ellen took shifts deprogramming me so I was not allowed to sleep.
7. That when the deprogramming started I decided not to speak to anyone or eat anything, that after two days of this Steve Hassan threatened to subject me to a series of shots.
8. That during the first three days during Steve's shifts he would insult me and humiliate me as a person.
9. That during Ellen's shifts she would read me documents and play me tapes, that the tapes were slanted and untrue documentaries from various programmes (from TV and radio), that the documents and tapes reminded me of Nazi propoganda from World War II.
9. That Ellen tried to excite arguements between me and my family, it seemed to give her great pleasure when my parents and myself did get into arguements, that she created.
10. That after three days I decided that there wasn't much chance of anyone finding me. My hands being tied behind my back so tightly and for such a long time, the circulation was cut off. That as I stretched to look behind me I could see that my right hand was turning a bruise color and was badly swollen. That when the ropes were removed after 3 days my left hand was very badly swollen and a blue color and my right hand was beginning to swell and get a bruise color.

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Signature

Arthur Roselle

Notary

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11. That during the first three days, I was escorted to the bathroom while my hands were still bound and tied.
12. That during those first three days there was no washing and/or shaving of my body allowed by the deprogrammers.
13. That the bathroom, was a pot that a neighbor helped me urinate into, that due to embarrassment I did not allow myself to defecate.
14. That during the first days many people came and went; members of my family, my Aunt and Uncle, and my Dad's business partner, members of parents' Church, and even people I didn't know. Some talked to me, some just came and looked at me. I was unclean and unshaven, my clothes were messed up, and I was either tied to a chair or to the cot. The experience was designed to humiliate me. That I felt like I was a captured animal in a zoo.
15. That because after three days I became alarmed about the condition of my hands, and my health, I relented. I then agreed I would listen to what they, the deprogrammers, had to say and requested to have the ropes taken off. That they did remove the ropes after I agreed to their demand of not trying to escape or run away.
16. That at this point in time I was allowed to choose which of the deprogramming activities, books, and tapes I wanted to. One thing we did do was have a Bible Study which was at my request. That my brother-in-law Richard Secord was the sort-of chairman of the study. The thing that struck me the most about the studies were that noone could agree upon anything in the Bible.
17. That I was given a half a dozen books by Steve Hassan, all pertaining to brainwashing or mind control, and was instructed to read certain segments, which I did. That I was struck by the similarities of deprogramming to brainwashing: sleep deprivation, food deprivation, indoctrination periods, the giving of selecting things to read, humiliation, isolation, controlled environment, and lack of privacy while taking care of bodily functions.
18. That as I discussed the pro's and con's of the Unification Church's activities and its tenets with Steve Hassan and Ellen Lloyd, I was frequently asked to deny the authenticity of Reverened Moon and my religious beliefs.
19. That on the fourth day, that upon asking what it is to be deprogrammed and just what it is that these people would like me to become, Mrs. Bahling replied: "Deprogramming was putting a person in a position where he or she can think freely for him or herself." I then assured everyone present that I was in the position to think freely for myself, and if that was the criterion, that I was officially deprogrammed.
20. That even though I did not renounce my religious beliefs, I did take a sincere interest in the literature that I was given which ironically, confirmed by thoughts that deprogramming is a form of brainwashing or thought reform. That the techniques used on me in my deprogramming could be quoted from the various books that I was given to read:
 1. Battle of the Mind, 2. True Believer, 3. Rape of the Mind
 4. and a book by Lifton on mind control and its political uses.
21. That during the period after I was untied, I expressed to my parents that I understood that it was their love for me which led them to do what they had done. Though I did not think that their actions were just or fair by any means. That this was a sincere expression, for even though their actions were unfounded and unjust and unmoral (in any context) they did do it out of parental concern.


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22. That after seven days had passed, I had made friends with everyone. That Steve Hassan assured everyone that I was deprogrammed and ready for rehabilitation.
23. That a former Unification Church member (and an active deprogrammer) by the name of Kathy Knight offered a place to stay in Tucson, Arizona at her sister and brother-in-law's place (Mr. and Mrs. McQueen). This I found would be an opportunity for freer movement, plus an opportunity to meet Gary Scharf, a director of the Freedom of Thought Foundation, which has since been closed down by Federal Court Order.
24. I agreed to leave Michigan and go to Tucson, Arizona with the intentions of meeting with Gary Scharf who was working as part of the Freedom of Thought Foundation headed by Joe Alexander Sr. (Joe is a close associate of Ted Patrick, Patrick was serving a jail sentence during the time of my deprogramming).
25. That on November 14, 1976 while accompanied by Kathy Knight for a week in Tucson, and after meeting with Gary Scharf (whom, I m afraid disappointed me, as he was a confused person), I took the opportunity at 1:00 AM to arrange for a taxi to the airport. From there I caught a flight to Denver, Colorado, from there I returned to Michigan, where I work for the Unificat on Church. That I made my escape with any of the deprogrammers knowledge.
26. That I know from my own experience with deprogramming that they could easily cause a person being deprogrammed to go into a psychotic break from reality and agree with anything that the deprogrammers were telling them.


SIGNATURE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF Kalkaska SS

Sworn to and subscribed to
before me this 7th day of
July, 1979.

Mary Beth Pender Notary Public, my commission
expires on: August 1, 1982

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